

## The Life of Charlotte Grieben Feb 14.



The funeral for Charlotte Grieben was held <sup>Feb 14.</sup> 2012 Saturday Feb. 11, 2012, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ferney. The Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiated. Burial will take place at a later date.

Charlotte Annabel Hemen was born on Feb. 17, 1913, to Floyd and Lilian (Castle) Hemen at Britton. She was baptized June 1, 1913, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Langford. On March 31, 1929, she made her Confession of Faith at the Community Church of Custer. She attended school in Custer, graduating as Valedictorian in 1931. After graduation, she continued her education at Mankato Commercial College. Shortly after college her grandfather Joseph Castle passed away and the family moved back to Marshall County. In the mid-1930s she moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota and began her career at the Brown County ASCS office and eventually became the General Manager.

On April 25, 1959, she was united in marriage to August Grieben. The couple made their home on the Grieben family farm southeast of Ferney, South Dakota. After many years at the ASCS office, Charlotte retired from that job to help August with their farming operation. Charlotte and August were very active in Farmers Union. August passed away Oct. 18, 1982. She continued to reside at the farm until 2002, when she moved to Golden Living Center in Groton, South Dakota.

Charlotte was the family matriarch who took great pride in taking care of the family. She was gifted with many talents including meticulous record keeping, leather tooling, and making jewelry for a gift shop in her younger years out in Custer. She enjoyed gardening, farming, playing cards and board games, reading, cooking, baking, and hosting dinners for family and friends.

Charlotte died at Groton, South Dakota at the age of 98 years, 11 months, and 19 days.

She is survived by one sister Lorna Dahms of Bend Ore., and many nephews, nieces, cousins and close friends and neighbors.